

HOUSE BILL 577

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-153, relative to the expunction of juvenile court records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-153(f), is amended by inserting the following language as a new subdivision (2) and renumbering the existing subdivisions accordingly:

(2) The court shall inform the child, at the time of adjudication, of the need to petition for expunction of the child's juvenile record. The administrative office of the courts shall create a petition that can be completed by a child and shall be circulated to all juvenile court clerks. All juvenile court clerks shall make this model expunction petition accessible to all petitioners. The clerk of the court shall send a postcard to the child at the address last received by the clerk of the court on the date that the child attains seventeen (17) years of age, based on the birthdate provided to the court by the child or the child's guardian at or before the time of adjudication, which informs the child of the right to expunction and the need to petition the juvenile court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.